

Episode 11 - The Ultimate Underdog



Erinn's Determination

As the **Novo** members returns to camp from Tribal Council, they congratulate each other on making it to the Final Six and breathe a collective sigh of relief that Carolina is gone, with the exception of Erinn, who lost her closest ally. Reflecting on his decision to vote out Carolina, **Spencer** says, "At Tribal Council, um, I had to decide: 'Do I vote against *Carolina* or do I vote out my Final Two ally Sandy?' It was kind of an easy decision," he then states. "They should have known I'm not gonna take out *Sandy*." Never one to miss an opportunity to brag, **Tyson** basks in the glory of ousting Carolina: "Seeing Carolina get blindsided was kind of a special moment," he tells the camera. "It couldn't have gone any better, and you know, uh, *it* warmed my heart a little bit to see her go." Even Sandy declares her delight that Carolina is no longer in the game, which makes Erinn paranoid. "If I'm gonna be the next to go, all I ask is that I know in advance so I can pack up all my stuff," a somber Erinn announces. "Erinn's *crushed*," Tyson continues in his confessional. "She'll probably cry a lot tonight, but I mean, do I look like I care?" he coldly laughs. "Tears have no affect on me."

In a private moment away from the rest of her tribe, an emotional **Erinn** reacts to seeing her best friend in the game blindsided by Tyson: "I definitely feel for Carolina," she says. "I mean, she was the first person that I really made *friends* with out here and, like, we literally spent more time out here in the last 30 days than I do with a lot of my friends back *home*," Erinn tells the camera. "Like, if you *think* about it, it's 24 hours a day, 7 days a week of bonding with that person, so... Carolina getting voted out, it's *sad*, but...I'm kinda feeling like I'm the ultimate *underdog* now." Back at the **Novo** camp, Erinn tells her tribemates that she's not trying to save herself and that she would be happy with sixth place. "You gotta admit I got Carolina pretty *good*," Tyson arrogantly boasts to Erinn. Erinn replies "*Absolutely*." "I hate having to kiss Tyson's ass, but I'm just going to have to pucker up and *do it*," **Erinn** then laughs. Erinn comments to Tyson and Candace that the move was "really *awesome* for you guys." "You know, I'm *totally* trying to play it off like I'm accepting my fate and make myself appear as *unthreatening* as possible because I don't want to be perceived as a threat, but like...it's *been* 30 days," she explains. "I will *not* go down without kicking and screaming about it. Are you *crazy*?! There's *no way* I would ever give up..."

The Witch Is Dead

As a new day dawns at the **Novo** camp, **Sandy** begins to think about her loved ones back home: "Today is, uh, the thirty-*first* day," she narrates, "And I'm definitely, uh, missing my *family* and everything, you know, but...I'm really trying with each day to keep my *focus* and keep my eyes on the prize. You know, I know they'll be waitin' for me when I get back home, so..." Back at camp, the rest of the tribe is gathered by the fire and Jerry comments that Sandy got up very early in the morning and went for a walk. Spencer tells him that he thinks she's starting to miss her kids because it's been a month, but "*she'll* be fine." Commenting on Sandy's homesickness, **Spencer** tells the camera, "Sandy's the only one out here who has a family of her own as far as kids and grandkids and, *definitely*, being away from them is starting to take a toll on her, but...I really *admire* Sandy. You

know, for being 53 years-old, she's holding up really well and I think a lot of people are gonna be surprised that maybe didn't think she could last this long."

In the meantime, Jerry arrives back at camp with an armful of firewood and begins to tend to the fire while Tyson makes jokes about Carolina being voted off. "Tribal Council last night, I think it was one of them Wizard of Oz 'The witch is dead'-type moments," **Jerry** laughs in his confessional, "But, uh...I'm not feelin' too *secure* in this game the last couple days." Watching Jerry from a distance, Sandy asks Spencer "He's gonna be *next*, right?" "That was *my* thought on it," Spencer replies. Jerry then continues to explain his position in the game: "First it was Taj and then Carolina voted off, and not Sandy, so...I'm definitely back to the chopping block. Uh, right now, I really have no choice but to ally myself with *Erinn*." Meeting with Erinn in the woods, Jerry tells her that "you and I are gonna have to make an *alliance*." "Yeah; I agree," Erinn quickly replies. "I'll see if I can get one more so we can at least, like, have a chance at staying." Jerry nods his head, and says that he isn't sure who they should vote for at the next Tribal Council. "I think we have to go for Tyson," Erinn brings up. Jerry confesses that he was thinking the same thing. "I was also thinkin' of *Spencer*," he then says. "Or *Sandy*." **Erinn** is slightly annoyed by Jerry's lack of a coherent plan, but has no one else left in the game to side with: "Jerry...God *love* him, but like, when it comes to strategy, he kinda *sucks*," she laughs in her confessional. "I mean, I think Jerry got here by being quiet and being likable, but...we're two *people*! We can't do anything with two people," she squeals. "Will I work with Jerry if I think that's what'll get me the farthest? *Absolutely*," she contemplates. "But will I throw him under the bus and vote him out if I think *that's* what'll get me the farthest? Oh, in a *second*. Sorry, Jerry."

Moments later, Sandy and Tyson arrive at the **Novo** camp with treemail, which includes individual envelopes containing five hundred dollars in cash. Sandy excitedly reads the message aloud to her tribemates:

*Now is the time to put your money where your mouth is;
Now is the chance to belong;
Now is the time to trust your instincts;
Now is the chance to get strong.*

The tribe concludes that the challenge will be an auction, and everyone cheers with excitement. Spencer jokes that he is a broke college student and might decide just to keep the money rather than bid. "I'm gonna have my blinders on," he says. As the Reward Challenge nears, **Erinn** is more optimistic about her chances of staying in the game: "This is the perfect challenge for me to have at this point," she says. "You know, I'm definitely hoping for some kind of advantage for the next Immunity Challenge, so...I'm gonna have to be really *careful* what I bid on. If I play it right, I could *guarantee* myself three more days."

Reward Challenge - Survivor Auction

The **Novo** tribe members arrive at the Survivor Auction and take a seat on the bleachers across from host Jeff Probst, who is behind a podium with a gavel in hand. Each tribe member has been given five hundred dollars in cash to bid on items that will be presented to them. Bids must be in twenty dollar increments and sharing of money or items is not allowed.

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Jeff presents the first item: a large bowl of French Fries, which is won by Sandy for \$80. The second item up for bid is a glass of milk and a peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Erinn can barely hold herself back from bidding, but Candace bids the highest at \$240. The next item remains covered and is sold to Jerry for \$180. Before he can collect his prize, Jeff gives him the opportunity to exchange it for a second item. Jerry takes a chance, switching items, and luckily exchanges chicken hearts for a huge tray of nachos with guacamole and salsa. The next item also remains covered. Tyson wins the item at \$120 and Jeff reveals his prize to him: chicken wings with barbecue sauce. The next item is a note sealed in an envelope that will give the winner a significant advantage in the next Immunity Challenge. Feeling like she's next on the chopping block, Erinn wins this item for all \$500. Jeff explains to her that the envelope must remain sealed until she arrives at the next Immunity Challenge. The next item is revealed to be an ice cream sundae covered in hot fudge, which Sandy bids an astounding \$400 for. Excitedly, she eats a large scoop of melted ice cream and begins to laugh hysterically.

Jeff lays down the next covered tray, and in a giant bidding war, Tyson wins the item with \$380. It's a huge pepperoni pizza with a twist. It must be shared with two other people. "Uh, Sandy, and *Candace*," Tyson chooses. The three castaways chow down on the pizza, while their tribemates look on uncomfortably. "Erinn, surprised at all by Tyson's choices?" Jeff inquires. Erinn shakes her head: "Based on the last two votes, not at all." The three **Novo** members continue to devour their pizza. "So you think it's indicative of what's going on in the game?" Jeff probes. "Uh *huh*," Erinn simply replies. Jeff then turns his attention to Spencer: "Spencer, you've yet to eat *anything*," he observes. "What's your take on the people that Tyson picked?" "You know, I'm not naïve enough to think that it *doesn't* reflect what's going on in the game," Spencer says, "So...it's definitely concerning. Um, being one spot away from eating pizza could really be one spot away from the Final *Three*," he then continues. The wheels in Erinn's head begin to turn, as she abruptly looks towards Spencer.

The last item up for bid is a Samsung Instinct cell phone by Sprint, which holds video messages from the castaways' loved ones. Because Spencer has all \$500 remaining, he is guaranteed the video message if he chooses to bid on it. "If I win, can I give it up for someone else?" Spencer asks Jeff, who is surprised at the question. "You're the only person in this group who has yet to win *anything*," Jeff reminds Spencer. "Who would you want to give it up for?" Seeing Sandy already with tears welling in her eyes, Spencer decides that it would mean the most for her to receive the video message. "Give it up for *Sandy*," Spencer answers. Erinn is surprised by this move. "Wow, Sandy, this is really your day," Jeff comments, realizing that Sandy has already eaten three times. "I would love to hear from my family and hear them say they're proud of me right now," Spencer explains, "But... Sandy's talked about this more than anyone, so...I think it's the right thing to do." Sandy breaks down in tears at the kind gesture of her ally. An emotional Sandy watches with tears in her eyes as her husband, daughters, and two grandsons tell her they're proud of her and offer her words of encouragement. Her tribemates laugh when her oldest grandson says that Sandy is the "coolest and toughest grandma he knows." With that, Jeff calls an end to the Survivor Auction.

"I think my family is gonna be *so* proud of me for makin' it at least to the Final Six," **Sandy** proudly tells the camera. "Getting the message from home and bein' able to see my grandchildren, you know, it helps you remember that you are still *Survivor: Tocantins Fanfic*

part of a family besides the people here; you are still part of your life back home, and...now I know that I definitely have the *strength*, you know, to make it the last nine days." Sandy hugs Spencer and walks with her arm around him, as the **Novo** members head back to camp.

Forcing A Tie

As **Novo** returns to camp, Sandy is in high spirits and thanks both Spencer and Tyson for their kindness. "Oh my gosh; I am stuffed," she says. "At the Auction, I won an Immunity *advantage*," **Erinn** explains, "So my chances are looking pretty good, but...Tyson winning the pizza and having to choose two people to share it with, I could not have *asked* for anything better because I know that that made Spencer really *nervous*," she observes. Tyson tells Spencer that if he could have picked four people, he [Tyson] would have picked him [Spencer]. Spencer says that he understands and not to worry about it. "If I can get Spencer to go with me and Jerry and force a *tie*, I may not have to win Immunity *after* all," Erinn speculates.

Joining Spencer in the shelter, Erinn finds the perfect opportunity to implement a plan to change her destiny. She decides to try her hand at manipulating him into voting with her and Jerry, by questioning Tyson's decision to share the pizza with Sandy and Candace. "I thought that was really *interesting*," she coyly suggests. "That was *not* too big a surprise," Spencer then says. "Obviously I would be more of a threat to Tyson in physical challenges than Candace or Sandy would be." Ignoring Spencer's explanation, Erinn continues to further her agenda: "Do you think Tyson promised Sandy Final Three?" she poses. "That's something I would actually *love* to find out," Spencer responds. "Because me and Jerry were probably gonna vote for *Tyson* and if you were thinking you were gonna be fourth, the three of us *could* force a tie," Erinn suggests. Spencer nervously laughs off the idea and says he doesn't know if he is ready to go against Sandy. "I'm just giving you something to *think* about," Erinn says. "Like, there's still options left of how this game can change," she reminds him. "Erinn's really playing the game right now," **Spencer** says in his confessional. "She's actually trying to get me to vote Tyson with her and Jerry because, more than likely, I'll be voted out in fourth place and I know that." "I definitely thought about it," he continues, "But I feel like now's not really the *time*. Obviously if Erinn or Jerry goes next, um, which one's left is situated perfectly as the swing vote and I'm, like, 99% sure that Erinn, at least, would side with me and Sandy just because she hates Tyson's guts. Now would not be an optimal time for me to force a tie and make myself even *more* of a target," he explains. With a tie vote unlikely to materialize, a disappointed Erinn is forced to return back to the drawing board. "Next round, I think we can, uh, we can work on something," Spencer proposes. "Okay," Erinn says. There is an extended silence, as Spencer and Erinn continue to lie beside each other in the shelter. "But...I'm gonna go talk to *Sandy*," Spencer finally says, as he climbs out of the shelter.

Paranoia Sets In

As the day draws to an end, Spencer and Sandy have a private talk away from camp to discuss their future in the game. "Erinn and I had a really interesting conversation and...Erinn brought up an interesting *point*," **Spencer** tells the camera. "You know, I figured that Tyson's *probably* gonna want to take me out before the Final Three because obviously I'm a bigger threat to him, so...I just want

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to make absolutely sure that Sandy's not in closer with him than I think," he says. Giving Sandy the benefit of the doubt, he then adds, "If she tells me that she's *not*, then...I'll believe her."

Under the stars, a paranoid Spencer reveals his fears that there may have been a tighter alliance formed and that Sandy may be making deals only for herself and leaving him out: "What I'm hearing is that you, Tyson, and Candace might be aligned," he brings up. "Am I trying to cover my own *ass*?! Is that what you're askin'?" Sandy inquires. "I just wanna know: did Tyson ever tell you that you were gonna be in the Final *Three*?" Spencer asks. Sandy dramatically shakes her head: "*No*; he said the Final Four was gonna be you, me, *Candace*, and Tyson," she then replies, while counting out four fingers. "He never said *anything* about who was in the Final Three." Sandy then asks why Spencer is asking this question now, and Spencer reveals that he is concerned that he will end up in fourth place. "Never *once* did I say 'Keep me to the Final Three. *Oh*, and by the way, *we* can vote out Spencer.'" Spencer feels slightly comforted by this. "So if we're in the Final Four, you're gonna stick with me and we're gonna do a tie-breaker?" a hesitant Spencer asks. "Yes!" she insists. "We'll vote for *Tyson*!" "Okay," Spencer says. "Spencer came to me tonight because he thought I wasn't in *our* alliance anymore as much as I was maybe in a deal with Tyson and Candace. You know, I don't know; I'm sure Erinn was tryin' to plant her *seed* in him, but...I just *reassured* him," **Sandy** explains to the camera. "You know, I told you that we would go to the Final *Two* together and that's what, uh, I *meant* it," Sandy tells Spencer. "I wasn't thinkin' about goin' with Candace or Tyson whatsoever." Spencer clearly feels bad about doubting Sandy's intentions and is very apologetic. "Okay; I didn't mean to, like, *accuse* you," he apologizes. Sandy tells Spencer that she is grateful to him for giving her the video message and she could never write his name down. She consoles him and reassures him that everything will be okay. "I am *definitely* loyal to Spencer to the end," Sandy continues, "But...I also have to look out number one in this game, which is *me*. You know, he thought I was tryin' to strategize only for *myself*, which I never did, but...uh, if somehow the game twists and he gets voted out, I'm gonna *have* to because no way am I gonna go *home*."

"Behind Every Man"

The next morning, the six **Novo** members wake to a torrential downpour and lament the state of their flooding camp. Jerry suggests that the tribe should cover their fire or they might not be able to start another one. Erinn, Spencer, and Sandy quickly get up to help him. "It is really hard to *strategize* when, number one, you still have to *survive*," **Erinn** narrates, amidst the downpour. "Like, it's taking four of us to keep this fire going right now; Tyson and Candace are just not helping," she says, as Candace and Tyson lie in the shelter together. "I mean, Tyson does the absolute *minimum* to get by; it's *completely* ridiculous, and like, nobody even calls him on it. At the end of the day, he may *outwit* everyone, but has he played well enough to truly win this game? I don't know," Erinn warns.

As the other four castaways attempt to salvage the fire and cover it from the pouring rain, Tyson and Candace take shelter from the cold rain in the **Novo** tribe's hut. "So what are you *thinkin*?" Tyson asks Candace, as he wraps himself in a blanket. "My biggest thing is: do we really wanna take out Jerry or do we use him to take out Erinn?" Candace contemplates. Unsure how to respond, Tyson says "Yeah." "Cause then, with *Jerry*, we would definitely have a majority over Spencer and *Sandy*, right?" Candace then asks. "*True*," Tyson says. "Erinn would be more

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of a swing vote," Candace adds. Elaborating on her strategy, **Candace** tells the camera, "The plan that I'm suggesting to Tyson is for us to vote against Erinn with Jerry and have it be a three to two to one vote so...Erinn goes home." Tyson carefully considers Candace's plan: "So who would Spencer and *Sandy* think [will be voted out]?" he asks for clarification. "They would vote *Jerry*," Candace tells him. Tyson says that Erinn might try to get him voted off. "She might vote for you, but it'd be *outnumbered*," Candace says. "I'm telling you right now, you're not goin' *anywhere*." "My main strategy is to stay in an alliance with *Tyson*," **Candace** admits in her confessional. "I think if I just keep doin' what I'm doing and let him take the *fall*, I stand a really good chance of winning a million dollars. I really haven't had to do anything *different*," she confesses, "And, like, the cockier he *becomes*, the less likely he is to get votes from the jury, so...I really have no choice *but* to take him to the end." Tyson tentatively agrees to Candace's idea to split the votes in order to eliminate Erinn: "We'll wait to see who gets *Immunity*, but let's *plan* on voting for Erinn," he tells Candace. "Behind every man there's always a woman," Candace then says to the camera. "People *forget* that..."

Immunity Challenge - Propeller Heads

The **Novo** tribe arrives on their mat as host Jeff Probst explains the rules of the challenge. Each player will make his or her way through a series of obstacles. They will dig under a log, walk across a balance beam, under a rope crawl and out onto a field where they will find a series of ten spinning math symbols. Each player will memorize the sequence of math symbols and race back to the answer board, and then write them down in the same sequence to solve a math equation. The first person to get all of the symbols right and the correct answer to the equation wins Immunity. Reiterating her vulnerable position in the tribe, **Erinn** tells the camera, "I think it's really important that I win today's Immunity Challenge because Spencer's more than likely not gonna vote for *Tyson*. You know, this is kind of do or die for me. I do *have* an *advantage* and I'm just hoping that it'll be enough." At the Auction, Erinn won a significant advantage in the challenge. Jeff instructs her to open the envelope and read the note. The note reveals that her equation will have only eight symbols, which means that she will have to remember two fewer symbols than the rest of her tribemates.

At the start of the challenge, the castaways race out onto the field and begin digging a hole to crawl under an obstacle. Tyson is the first person through, and he races across the balance beam and to the crawl through. As he attempts to memorize the math symbols, Spencer is right behind him. Jerry struggles in dead last as Erinn makes her way to the symbols. Jerry continues to struggle on the balance beam, falling off several times, while Sandy makes progress and begins to memorize the math symbols. Feeling the pressure, Erinn repeats the sequence of symbols aloud as she races back to her answer board. Tyson makes several trips to the math symbols, writing down a few each time he returns to the answer board. Amidst the action of the challenge, Erinn frantically works to solve the equation and calls out that she is done...but when Jeff checks it over, she is incorrect. Frustrated, she must race back and find her mistake. Meanwhile, Spencer spends a long time studying the math symbols before heading back to his answer board for the second time. As the rest of the castaways continue to run back and forth between the math symbols and the answer board, Spencer writes down the symbols and begins to solve the equation. As a desperate Erinn arrives back again, it comes down to a heated race between Spencer and Erinn. In the

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end, Spencer is the first to correctly solve the equation, winning Immunity and ensuring safety for another three days.

"Thank *God* I paid attention in math class," Spencer laughs. Erinn stares down at her completed equation and shakes her head in disbelief, before Jeff puts the individual Immunity necklace around a relieved Spencer's neck. "I came so *close* to winning Immunity," **Erinn** laments, "But, you know, if I'm gonna stay in this game, I would rather get to the Final Two by *strategizing*, so...obviously I'm gonna have my work cut out for me, but...like, there's still options for me to explore and there's still room for me to maneuver, so...I am keeping my fingers crossed that I can find a way to *stay*."

Turning the Tide

As the tribe returns to camp, Spencer's tribemates congratulate him on his win. "I finally won an individual *Immunity* Challenge," he glows, as he hangs the necklace around his torch. Tyson immediately pulls Jerry aside and tells him of Candace's plan to vote out Erinn. "All it takes is you, me, and Candace, and uh, we can get rid of her," Tyson suggests. "Is anybody thinkin' about votin' me out?" Jerry asks. "I don't know who Spencer and Sandy are gonna vote, but...uh, Erinn'll probably vote for me, so it's not gonna be a tie." "That's fine with *me*," Jerry says. "Spencer won *Immunity* today," **Jerry** narrates in his confessional, "So when we came back from the challenge, my plan *was* after the last Tribal Council to make an alliance with *Erinn*, but, uh, it seems right now that Erinn's the one gonna be voted off, so...I definitely want to be in with that so that I get myself one step closer to that million dollars."

As she rests in the shelter with Spencer and Sandy, Erinn revives the possibility of voting out Tyson and extends the offer to Sandy as well. "It could be the three of us and Jerry," she says. Spencer, again, tells her that it's a bad time for them to vote out Tyson and Sandy agrees. "In a perfect world, *I* would *like* to vote for Tyson," **Erinn** exclaims, "But...the last thing in the world I want to do is look like I'm *scrambling*. Like, if I go over there and try to push, push, push, you know, that might work *against* me," she realizes. "Think about it from our perspective," Spencer explains. "Like, if Tyson goes home Candace is gonna be really pissed off at me and Sandy and that's gonna put our heads on the chopping block." Justifying his position, **Spencer** says, "The reason why Sandy and I can't vote for Tyson is because Candace, Erinn, and Jerry would team up, for sure, and it's like, why would we put ourselves in that situation when we can stay kindof where we are and, uh, not really upset the waters just yet." **Erinn** admits that Spencer's reasoning makes sense. "Spencer and Sandy really feel like they're kindof stuck in the alliance of four because they know that if they switched and got rid of Tyson, they would be the biggest threat left in the Final Five," she recaps, "So...*now*, I feel like I'm fighting for my life again. You know, I really have no choice but to go to *Tyson*."

Erinn interrupts Tyson while bathing in the river and asks if she can join him in the water. "Come on down," he invites her. Erinn gently brings up the subject of the vote and asks Tyson why he would take the three most likable people, Jerry, Spencer, and Sandy, with him to the Final Five. "The jury doesn't like me any more than they like *Carolina*," she insists, "But...Jerry's a really likable guy, and like, I honestly don't think it's gonna matter that he hasn't played a strategic game just because he's a lot more likable than any of us." "You don't think they'll vote on

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who was the most strategic?" Tyson asks. "Um...I just feel like if you look at past juries in this game, they don't always vote with their heads and that's why the most strategic players like you and me don't always win," Erinn suggests. "*True*," a conflicted Tyson replies, obviously deep in thought about the implications of Erinn's statement. "They vote with their *hearts*," Erinn then continues, "And, I mean, who's *ever* in 33 days had a bad word to say about Jerry?" Tyson then asks, "So you think Jerry's a bigger threat right now?" Erinn nods her head: "I think J.T. would vote Jerry because he's a hard worker; *Carolina*'ll vote him because we were on new *Timbira*," she replies. Tyson adds that Taj is a no-brainer. "Yeah," Erinn agrees. "With *me*, the jury would look at me and think 'Oh, she was Carolina's friend; I'm not gonna vote for her.'" Tyson takes in everything that Erinn is saying and begins to consider her argument. "You know, Tyson may very well *be* the mastermind at this game," **Erinn** expresses, "But...I'm not too bad at this either. I mean, my association with Carolina could definitely work against me in the end, but...I *absolutely* want people to think that they can beat me so that they'll keep me around and *take* me to the Final Two," she confesses.

"If any of us go home before *he* goes home, I would just feel so *cheated*," Erinn says. "So if we voted for Jerry, would you be loyal to me and Candace?" Tyson asks. Erinn enthusiastically says that she would be loyal. "I *have* been loyal to *Timbira*," she adds. "I'll talk to Candace and we'll do that [vote Jerry]," Tyson agrees. "Okay; he's out," Erinn confirms. "I'm ready for him to go home." Feeling powerful, **Tyson** begins to reconsider his plans for the rest of the game: "You know what, I give Erinn credit for coming to me to save herself," he states. "I mean, I'm not completely decided what I'm gonna do, but...I might just take her to the Final Three instead of Spencer or Sandy. It'd make things a lot easier."

As Erinn walks away from Tyson with a new lease on life, Jerry approaches him, nervous about the conversation that Tyson just had with Erinn. "What was she, uh, talkin' to you about?" Jerry warily asks. "She's trying to save herself, of course," Tyson replies. "She's sayin' what?" Jerry then asks Tyson. "To keep her," Tyson says. "She's throwing you under the bus, dude, cause she thinks that's the only way for her to be safe tonight. She knows no one else is gonna sway, but..." "So it's still *Erinn* then?" Jerry asks. "For sure. *100%*," Tyson assures Jerry. "You, me, and Candace." "Yeah; I think I have everybody eating out of the palm of my hand again," **Tyson** arrogantly claims, "So...as far as Jerry knows, *Erinn's* the one going tonight and I told Erinn the same thing about Jerry, so...I mean, once again, it's gonna come down to me and Candace deciding what happens tonight." "I've pretty much been responsible for every single person on the jury being voted out, so why should it change now?" he says. Just before Tribal Council, Candace and Tyson conspire by the river, as they attempt to come to a final decision about the vote. "We have the votes right now to take out *Erinn*," Candace reminds him. Tyson says that he thinks they should get rid of Jerry instead, which Candace does not buy. "So how are we gonna figure this *out*?" Candace asks her closest ally. "I think Erinn's a more dangerous player, but Jerry's a bigger threat when it comes to the *jury*," he rationalizes. "Have I ever been wrong yet?" Tyson then asks.

As the **Novo** members grab their torches and prepare Tribal Council, the vote remains up in the air. Jerry is convinced that Erinn will be the next to go, while **Erinn** is optimistic that the tide will turn in her favor: "I've given Tyson a very, very strong *reason* to vote Jerry out and keep me around for another three days," she tells the camera. "You know, if it was me, I definitely wouldn't be *surprised*, but..."

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there might be an *upset* tonight.” With doubts about the final vote in their minds, the **Novo** members head out of camp.

Tribal Council #11 - Novo Tribe

At Tribal Council, Jeff Probst begins by commenting that Erinn was visibly shocked by the vote at the last Tribal Council: “Oh, I was completely hurt that the four people who voted for Carolina didn’t tell me,” **Erinn** explains. “It’s not a good feeling, but I understand *why* because it would obviously be very difficult for me, but...I can honestly say, Tyson, we were 100% loyal to **Timbira**. There was absolutely no threat to you posed by me and Carolina.” The discussion then turns to the Auction, during which Erinn won the Immunity advantage. “Tyson, surprised that somebody would spend all \$500 on something that was not even a guarantee?” Jeff asks. “I wasn’t really that surprised,” **Tyson** responds, “but...in all honesty, things like pizza or nachos can be just as much of an advantage, so...I wouldn’t have put \$500 on it.” Jeff disagrees, reminding everyone that it was Spencer who won Immunity and yet he hadn’t eaten any food at the Auction. Tyson simply shrugs, unable to refute the point. “The other big moment that came out of the Auction was when Spencer bid on and won a video message from home and gave it up to Sandy,” Jeff brings up. “Sandy, that had to feel *good*.” **Sandy** becomes emotional as she answers the question: “Yes; it *does* mean a lot to me that Spencer was willin’ to let me have my message from home. You know, I think he’s been *protecting* me, and...uh, I know after seein’ that video that I can achieve anything I set my mind to and that’s what I hope to show my *grandkids*.” “Erinn, can something like a video from home really make that big a difference?” he asks. “Absolutely,” **Erinn** responds, as several castaways nod along. “Like, we’ve been out here for so long that you almost forget what it feels like to have people who you can trust no matter what. I mean, these are all people that you’re really close to and people that you *like*, but at the end of the day, you’re still playing *against* them.”

Jeff then asks about the mood at camp after the Immunity Challenge: “So, Tyson, 33 days in, I’m guessing there was a lot of scrambling when you got back to camp this afternoon,” he suggests. **Tyson** reveals that only certain tribe members felt the need to scramble: “Yeah; I mean, the people who are on the chopping block pretty much know who they are, so, uh, the only people who really had to scramble are Erinn and *Jerry*.” “Erinn, *obviously* you must feel like you’re in danger,” Jeff observes. “What’s the argument that you’re making for why you should stay.” “Well...I don’t want him to take this the wrong way, but Jerry hasn’t done much strategically, but...at the same time, he’s very likable,” **Erinn** defends. “Like, I *totally* think he would win a jury vote easily, whereas the only vote that I would get would be Carolina’s. Plain and simple.” “So you’re making the same argument that Carolina did,” Jeff recaps. Spencer nods his head dramatically and Jeff asks for his opinion: “If everybody cared just solely about bringing the person to the end who no one on the jury was gonna vote for, uh, Carolina would still *be* here,” **Spencer** states, “so obviously there’s a lot more different strategies than keeping someone based only off the fact that the jury doesn’t like them.”

Moving on, Jeff asks Jerry why his tribemates should keep him in the game. “The reason why they should keep me in the game tonight is because they can use my vote in the next couple rounds to have a majority,” **Jerry** offers. Confused by

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Jerry's argument, Erinn speaks out that she also has a vote and she could just as easily help someone gain a majority. Jeff then continues to assess the dynamics of the impending vote: "Spencer, based on the last two Tribal Councils, which were *blindsides*, think somebody's gonna be shocked tonight?" Jeff asks. "Even though the talk is Erinn or Jerry, there could still be something else going on that maybe you don't know about." **Spencer** nods his head in agreement: "You're absolutely right," he says. "Um, to feel secure or be shocked that you're voted off is a little silly because *nobody's* above getting voted off at this point, so...you know, it *definitely* feels good to have the assurance of being here three more days [because of Immunity] and making it to the Final Five." "Jerry, how confident are you that, after this vote, you'll still be here tomorrow?" Jeff then inquires. "Well, for instance, the last two Tribal Councils, I didn't vote with the majority and the reason I didn't is because I thought the vote was going a different way," **Jerry** justifies, "But...tonight, I think I know who everybody's gonna vote so I'm really not, uh, too *worried*." Erinn's eyes dart toward the jury, as she catches a glance from Carolina. "Erinn, what do you think your chances are?" Jeff then asks. "Um, I'm gonna give myself a 50% chance," **Erinn** responds. "I definitely think I made some good arguments and gave everyone some very strong reasons *not* to vote for me, but you never know. It could very well be me going home," she says. With this, Spencer opts to keep the Immunity necklace and the six remaining **Novo** members cast their votes.

Jeff then tallies the votes, and reveals them one at a time to the castaways:

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In a unanimous decision, Jerry Sims, the 49 year-old U.S. Army Sergeant from Rock Hill, South Carolina, becomes the eleventh person voted out of **Survivor: Tocantins - The Brazilian Highlands** and the fourth member of the jury. Satisfied with her work, Erinn looks like the cat who swallowed the canary. She is now situated perfectly between Spencer and Sandy, and Tyson and Candace as the swing vote.

Jerry's Final Words

Surprised to be unanimously voted out of the game, Jerry leaves behind his final words: "As far as what I said at Tribal Council, I didn't think they was gonna vote me out tonight. You know, when I came into this game I was definitely gonna use my military experience that I, uh, experienced over 26 years in the reserves, but... the game of Survivor was definitely more than I bargained for. I wanted to win that million dollars badly, but the strategy part didn't work out so good for me," he laughs. "I feel that *everyone* betrayed me in the end and sent me home, so, uh, it's gonna be a tough decision who to vote for that million dollars."







Episode 12 - "He's Not In Control Anymore"

As the five remaining **Novo** members look ahead to the Final Four, Erinn becomes a valuable swing vote between the two pairs. Which way will she swing?

A valuable overnight Reward allows one castaway the perfect opportunity to sway another onto their side. Will a newly-formed alliance change up the game?

One Survivor's bold move leads to one of the most dramatic and surprising Tribal Councils of the season. Which castaways will survive to the Final Four?

Episode 11 Voting History:

5 Votes Against	Survivors Voting Against Jerry					
						
1 Vote Against	Survivor Voting Against Erinn					
